



**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
(Formerly the Board of Health)
MINUTES 24-002**

9:30 a.m.

Monday, February 5, 2024

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Mayor A. Horwath (Chair)
Councillors C. Cassar, J.P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Hwang, T. Jackson,
C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, E. Pauls, J. Beattie, and A. Wilson
and M. Wilson

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillors B. Clark, M. Spadafora, M. Tadeson – City Business

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR
CONSIDERATION:**

**1. 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget and Public Health Priorities (BOH24001)
(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Nann/McMeekin)

- (a) That the 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget be approved and that the Medical Officer of Health be directed to submit it to the Ministry of Health, in keeping with the information that is outlined in Public Health Committee Report BOH24001;
- (b) That the Board of Health call on the Ministry of Health to provide timely information and expectations for the unfolding Strengthening Public Health Strategy surrounding upcoming changes to the Ontario Public Health Standards, and provide permanent funding, including annual increases, to fully implement and sustain the revised requirements; and,
- (c) That Confidential Appendix "A" to Report BOH24001 remain confidential until February 16, 2024.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin
Yes	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson

**2. *Immunization of Schools Pupils Act Information Report (BOH24002) (City Wide)*
(Item 9.1)**

(Cassar/Nann)

That Report BOH24002, respecting *Immunization of Schools Pupils Act Information Report* (City Wide), be received.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised there were no changes to the agenda.

(Hwang/Cassar)

That the agenda for the February 5, 2024, Public Health Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
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Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) January 15, 2024 (Item 4.1)

(Beattie/Pauls)

That the Minutes of the January 15, 2024 meeting of the Public Health Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin
Absent	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

- (i) Bernie MacLellan, Chair, Board of Health, and Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health, Huron Perth Public Health, respecting Call for federal government to take immediate action on nicotine pouches (Item 5.1)**

(A. Wilson/Cassar)

That the Correspondence from Bernie MacLellan, Chair, Board of Health, and Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health, Huron Perth Public Health, respecting Call for federal government to take immediate action on nicotine pouches, be endorsed.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
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Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
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(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) **2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget and Public Health Priorities (BOH24001) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, Jennifer Vickers-Manzin, Director, Healthy Families, Julie Prieto, Director, Epidemiology and Wellbeing, and Kevin McDonald, Director, Healthy Environments, addressed Committee respecting 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget and Public Health Priorities, with the aid of a presentation.

(Nann/McMeekin)

That the Presentation from Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, Jennifer Vickers-Manzin, Director, Healthy Families, Julie Prieto, Director, Epidemiology and Wellbeing, and Kevin McDonald, Director, Healthy Environments, respecting 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget and Public Health Priorities, be received.

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For disposition of this matter, refer to item 1.

(f) **MOTIONS (Item 11)**

(i) **Pharmacare Update (Added Item 11.1)**

(McMeekin/M. Wilson)

That staff be directed to report back to the Public Health Committee with an information report on Pharmacare.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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(g) GENERAL INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Amendment to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)

(A. Wilson/Hwang)

That the following Amendment to the Outstanding Business List, be approved:

- (1) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:
 - (a) Report on Recommendations for a Board of Health Advisory Committee
OBL Item 2023-C
Date added: February 8, 2023 (Council Minutes Item 7.7)
Date Completed: January 15, 2024 (PHC Report 24-001, Item 1)

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(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Cassar/Hwang)

That, there being no further business, the Public Health Committee be adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Andrea Horwath
Chair, Public Health Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk